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U.S. Foreign Policy Dictated by Others

Schoolboys are taught that the State Department proposes foreign policy for the president. But U.S. foreign policy is actually developed by an alien government.

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In an unprecedented display of an alien government manipulating the American national purpose at will, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin matched his muscle in public against that of Ronald Reagan on the president's home grounds—Congress—and won.

The real issue was not the long-debated sale of five so-called AWACS radar sentry (aircraft) to Saudi Arabia. It was not even a simple case of Israel vs the U.S., for in Washington's current climate both the proponents and opponents of the plane deal found it necessary to profess pious devotion to Israel's security and "best interests."

The real issue, as an exhausted and frustrated Secretary of State Alexander Haig suddenly admitted on September 18 in a rare outburst of candor, was

whether "the president can conduct the country's business in accordance with his own assessment of the country's needs and strategic interests. The question is, Who controls American foreign policy?"

That question was soon settled. Within hours of Haig's warning—made on the ABC morning network newscast—a majority of U.S. senators fell in behind Prime Minister Begin and formally registered their opposition to President Reagan's proposal for selling an \$8.5-billion plane and air defense package to the Saudis.

Foreign diplomatic and media observers expressed incredulity and astonishment at what a senior French delegate at United Nations headquarters in Manhattan described as "a small nation, without means, formulating policy for a major power, even against the wishes of the large country's government."

Reagan administration's strategy with mixed hilarity and horror.

"Here are American senators," commented a Middle Eastern policy analyst at UN headquarters, "literally reading scripts prepared for them by the Israeli lobby to destroy one of the most important defense decisions made by the White House since Reagan's inauguration. It's unprecedented . . . there is nothing like it in recorded history."

Ironically, as the Israeli lobby—now demonstrably the most powerful alien pressure group in American history—went on the offensive to show that its clout exceeded that of the White House, it overreached itself.

According to highly placed U.S. intelligence sources close to the AWACS controversy, who have given The SPOTLIGHT trustworthy information in the past, in private conversation Begin sounds far less worried about the sentry plane sale to the Saudis than in public speeches.

As revealed in a SPOTLIGHT world exclusive (Sept. 28), Begin bluntly warned President Reagan that Israel insisted on acquiring the so-called electronic countermeasure technology to neutralize Saudi Arabia's AWACS. This technology uses advanced pulse wave wizardry to black out the planes' downward-looking radar, much as a hat thrown over a camera lens blots out a TV image.

AWACS STRIPPED

Confirming The SPOTLIGHT's historic scoop a week later, a senior Defense Department official admitted to "Time" magazine's Pentagon correspondent that the AWACS craft being prepared for sale to the Saudis are indeed being stripped of the sophisticated "black box" devices that might protect the plane against the countermeasures mounted by the Israelis.

"Obviously, the argument that this transaction might be a 'grave threat' to Israel's security is baseless; it's just a propaganda lie," said a veteran Air Force policy analyst, now approaching retirement and deeply worried about America's course in world affairs.

"Begin's whole pitch is duplicitous and a fraud," he said. "We here in the Pentagon—the top U.S. defense

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